

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are there any accounts to show what amount was collected by the sale of adhesive labels?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—The latter portion of the answer is not intelligible.

President.—We have got certain rules as to which newspapers are entitled to get Government publications, and which are not. They must have 3 years' standing and a circulation of 500 copies.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government undertake to supply to all the newspapers in the State all the Government publications?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If they comply with the rules in force, they will be given.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question is whether they can supply to them all the Government publications, irrespective of their standing or their circulation.

President.—We have to go by the rules in force. You want there should not be any such rules in regard to the newspapers in the State, and that they must be supplied, whether the papers are started yesterday or a few months back.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question is whether the Government have any objection?

President.—These are irrelevant points, and the Government cannot give an answer off hand.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—In view of the fact that we do not derive any income from the newspapers outside, and that our newspapers are purchasing a number of our stamps, will the Government consider the matter?

President.—Your request to consider the matter is noted.

The proposals of the Cranganur Road Committee.

504. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the proposals of the Cranganur Road Committee to connect the mainland of Cranganur with Mukundapuram Taluk by means of a bridge connection;

(2) if so, will the Government be pleased to state whether the proposal has met with their approval?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon. (1) Yes.

(2) An alternative proposal of connecting Cranganur by bridging up the Connolly canal is being considered. The feasibility of this scheme has also to be considered before a decision is arrived at.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Does the Government know that the bridging up of the Connolly canal is more useful to the Government? The recommendation of the Road Committee was to connect Cranganur with Pulloot. It has not been acted upon, although it is 5 years since the Committee was appointed. My supplementary question must be considered, whether the connection should be to Pulloot and then again to Karupadanna or any other place.

President.—This appears to be a rather impossible scheme; the connection to Pulloot and then again to Karupadanna. The British District and Taluk Boards must co-operate, and then we would require only half the contribution. They must metal their part of the road.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Have the Government received any communication from the Ponnani Taluk Board?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In 1915, i. e., during the time of the Great War, due to increase in population, there was some correspondence on the subject. They wanted to have a road from Alla to Katamturutti, and after the war, when there was no distress, the whole thing was dropped. I remember that a portion of the road was constructed through the Cranganur Chief's land, without paying compensation for land and without his previous sanction. There was even a proposal to file a suit against the Secretary of State for India. The scheme was considered to be much cheaper.

President.—Whatever may be the past correspondence, I can assure you that, provided that British Taluk and District Boards give half the cost of the construction of the road, we are prepared to undertake the work.

The isolation of Cranganur.

505. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that the isolation of Cranganur works detrimentally to the progress of the Taluk; (b) will the Government be pleased to state whether they will be pleased to enquire into the whole question?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) No. (b) This does not arise, as the present arrangement works very satisfactorily.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—It would seem from the answer that the Government understood me to mean political isolation of Cranganur also. I mean only geographical isolation, and the other part will show that. In view of my explanation, may I know whether the Government has any objection to give a revised answer?

President.—There is very great inconvenience.